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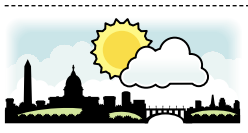

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SUPER BOWL | SPREADING THE FIELD

ERIC GAY/AP

LAYING DOWN ON THE JOB: With four days left before the big game, the New England Patriots stretch inside the Houston Texans' practice facility on Wednesday. The Patriots are favored to win their second Super Bowl in three years when they face the Carolina Panthers on Sunday.

NHL Suspends Caps' Leonsis

NEW YORK | Washington Capitals owner Ted Leonsis was suspended by the NHL Wednesday, a day after he apologized for fighting with a fan who had jeered him.

The 48-year-old Leonsis is to have no contact with his team for one week, the NHL ruled Wednesday. The Capitals were fined $100,000 for the incident.

Season-ticket holder Jason Hammer said Leonsis placed his hands on his neck and tossed him down after the Capitals' home loss to Philadelphia on Sunday.

"Even in those cases when there were instances of alleged provocation, we have made it clear that NHL personnel need to do everything possible to avoid a confrontation with fans and the failure to do so is not acceptable," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said, adding that Leonsis and Hammer "have amicably put this matter behind them."

Despite his action, Leonsis has a reputation as one of the more fan-friendly chief executives in pro sports.

Heading into Wednesday's game against the Rangers, only Pittsburgh had a worse record than Washington. (AP)

Iraq Intel 'Almost All Wrong'

Kay says analysts asked to read too much into data

WASHINGTON | Former weapons inspector David Kay said Wednesday "we were almost all wrong" about Saddam Hussein's weapons programs, as Congress pressed a high-stakes struggle to pinpoint why that happened and who was responsible.

Republicans say the nation's intelligence agencies were the problem. Democrats point to the White House, questioning possible pressure put on intelligence analysts and noting Vice President Dick Cheney's continued assertions that weapons of mass destruction existed.

Kay

Asked at a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing if an independent investigation was warranted, Kay said he believed an outside inquiry would give Congress and the public more confidence.

Kay, who resigned last Friday, said he spent six months looking for the former Iraqi president's banned weapons and has concluded, based on "sufficiently intense" effort, that they were not there. He said inspectors found no stockpiles — large or small.

"We were almost all wrong, and I certainly include myself here," he said.

Kay blamed a lack of human intelligence inside Iraq and inadequate money for U.S. intelligence agencies. He also said he believes analysts were asked to read too much into limited data, but stressed he doesn't think members of the Bush administration pressured analysts to shape evidence to make the case for war. KATHERINE PFLEGER (AP)

LAW | **Swiped Twice** A Tulane University student's sport utility vehicle was stolen twice in three days, once while she waited for police officers to arrive so she could fill out a report. Maggie Ardolino's 1998 Jeep Cherokee had been stolen Jan. 17, but was found three days later in a parking lot far from campus. She waited three hours for police to arrive to inspect damage to the car. She left the car briefly during that time and when she returned, it had been stolen again. In future cars, she says, "I'm going to have an anti-theft system." (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

EyeOpeners

CRIME

They'll Take Your Time

The Danish government Wednesday asked for an investigation following a news report that an organized crime network is offering to do time in prison in the place of well-off convicts sentenced for minor offenses. The Ekstra Bladet newspaper reported Wednesday that about 100 people have been standing in for others. It costs up to $166 per day to have someone else serve one's time in jail. One stand-in candidate, identified only as Frank, said he had a fixed price of $1,666 per month. (AP)

HEARSAY | CLEAN-UP

"What a stinking mess! ... The smell is really awful."

—A RESIDENT IN TAINAN CITY, TAIWAN AFTER THE CARCASS OF A SPERM WHALE EXPLODED WHILE BEING TRANSPORTED FOR AN AUTOPSY. BILOGIST WANG CHIEN-PING TOLD THE TAIWAN NEWS THAT GASES BUILT UP IN THE WHALE'S BELLY LIKELY CAUSED THE BLAST.

BRUNO DOMINGOS/REUTERS

FESTIVALS

So Many Saddams

The real Saddam Hussein won't be attending many parties, but the deposed Iraqi leader's face will be everywhere at the carnival in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, next month. "Saddam Hussein, dirty and out of his hole, is the most sought-after mask," Armando Vellez, the 79-year-old owner of the Condal mask-making factory, told Agence France-Presse this week. The unshaven Saddam sells for about $3, while a more carefully coiffed visage runs only 63 cents, AFP reports. Other popular masks include Brazilian politicians and old favorites like King Kong. (EXPRESS)

WINTER WONDERLAND

But Could It Plow Itself?

The Starliper family of Martinsburg, W.Va., got a new truck for free this week — and all they needed was a little snow. Using only shovels, ice scrapers and a snowblower, Dallas, J.R. and Hannah Starliper and friend Brad Buck sculpted a 2004 Chevy S-10 dragster out of the snow, the Martinsburg Journal reported. The Journal reports that the car has caught the attention of onlookers, including a police cruiser. Too bad it will melt when it gets warmer. (EXPRESS)

RON AGNIR/THE JOURNAL/AP

RESCUES

One Good Turn ...

A Hudson, N.H., man who rescued a stray cat from the cold got the favor returned on Sunday when the cat woke him as his house filled with smoke. Roland Rioux, 76, who lives alone, fell asleep watching television, but was jolted awake when the cat, named Munchkin, jumped up and landed on his chest. Rioux was able to get up in time to call the fire department and evacuate safely. Unfortunately, Rioux put the cat in the garage and in the confusion, Munchkin ran away. (AP)

EMPLOYMENT

Excuses Abound

So, you want the day off. Do you fake a hoarse-sounding voice and call in sick? The temp-staffing agency Accountemps surveyed executives from some of the biggest U.S. companies on the strange reasons employees have given for not coming in to work. They include one who said he needed time off to sing in an opera. Another needed to recover from a tattoo. Others said they were going to job interviews. One had perhaps the best excuse of all, saying, "I'm going to jail." (AP)

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Nation

In Brief

JOHNSTON, IOWA

Police Mount National Hunt For Teen After 2 Found Dead

Authorities launched a nationwide search Wednesday for a 16-year-old boy considered armed and dangerous after two people were found shot to death in his house. Tyler Pirtle was sought for questioning after the bodies of Sarah Dahlke, 21, and Greg Gaul, 41, were found Tuesday in his home in this affluent Des Moines suburb. Pirtle may be driving a red Mercury Mystique with Iowa license plate number 134LPK. (AP)

MIAMI

Four Men Lose Challenge To Florida Gay Adoption Ban

Four gay men lost a federal challenge Wednesday to the only blanket state law banning homosexuals from adopting children. The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against the men, who are foster parents seeking to adopt children in their care despite the 1977 law. Florida is the only state in the nation with a complete ban on adoption by gays. (AP)

TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

Parole Board Moves Release For 'TV Intoxication' Killer

A man whose lawyer unsuccessfully argued that "television intoxication" led him to murder an elderly neighbor at age 15 will be released from prison June 7, a year earlier than scheduled. During Ronny Zamora's 1977 trial, attorney Ellis Rubin had argued that watching violent television prompted Zamora to kill 83-year-old Elinor Haggart at her Miami Beach home. (AP)

Dean Shakes Up Campaign Staff

Reworks strategy as Kerry wins endorsements

WASHINGTON | Democratic frontrunner John Kerry, building on his triumph in the first-in-the-nation New Hampshire primary, got new endorsements from the party establishment and launched television commercials in the next round of primary states. Howard Dean shook up a campaign in peril.

"I still have the same underdog mentality," Kerry said Wednesday as he left Boston for Missouri, the first of seven states on a campaign itinerary leading to next week's round of balloting.

But it was Dean who was scrambling to regain his balance, replacing his campaign manager with a longtime associate of former Vice President Al Gore and asking aides to defer their paychecks for two weeks.

"Governor Dean asked Roy Neel to join the campaign as CEO and Joe Trippi resigned as campaign manager," said Tricia Enright, a campaign spokeswoman.

One source said Trippi, the architect of Dean's antiestablishment campaign, turned down an offer to stay on as senior adviser.

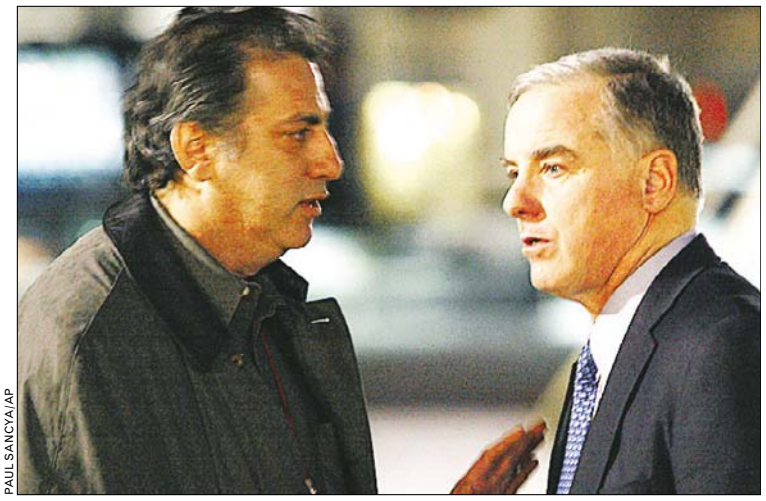
Kerry, winner of the kickoff Iowa caucuses last week, added New Hampshire to his campaign trophy case on Tuesday with a double-digit victory over Dean. Former NATO commander Wesley Clark and U.S. Sens. John Edwards and Joe Lieberman finished further back.

A total of 269 pledged delegates are at stake next week in primaries in Missouri, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Arizona and Delaware as well as caucuses in New Mexico and North Dakota.

Kerry's primary victory reaped immediate dividends in the form of endorsements from former U.S. Sens. Jean Carnahan and Tom Eagleton in Missouri.

U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn of South Carolina, the dominant black politician in his state, also intends to endorse Kerry, according to campaign and other officials.

Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack, too, signed on after remaining neutral in his state's caucuses earlier this month. DAVID ESPO (AP)



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ODD MAN OUT: Former Howard Dean campaign manager Joe Trippi, left, pictured with the candidate last week, was an architect of Dean's grassroots appeal.

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Army Planning for Iraq Stint Until '06

WASHINGTON | The U.S. Army's top general said he is planning for the possibility that the Army may be required to keep tens of thousands of soldiers in Iraq through 2006.

Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, the Army chief of staff, told the House Armed Services Committee Wednesday that "for planning purposes" he has ordered his staff to consider how the Army would replace the force that is now rotating into Iraq with another force of similar size in 2005 — and again in 2006.

Schoomaker

The decision about when to end the U.S. military presence in Iraq will be made by President Bush and his national security aides, in consultation with American commanders in Iraq. As a service chief, Schoomaker's role is to ensure that soldiers are trained and equipped for any mission the president requires.

Of the approximately 105,000 troops going to Iraq this winter and spring to replace the 130,000 who have been there since the start of the war, about 80,000 are Army soldiers. The replacement force, which includes 25,000 Marines, is scheduled to spend a full year in Iraq. ROBERT BURNS (AP)

COUNTRY MOUSE, CITY MOUSE

Suburban students have just as much experience with sex and drugs as city kids do, according to a survey released Wednesday by the N.Y.-based Manhattan Institute:

- **Two-thirds** of suburban and urban 12th-graders have had sex.
- **22 percent** of sububan 12th-graders and 71 percent of urban 12th-graders have tried alcohol more than two or three times.
- **More than 40 percent** of urban and suburban 12th-graders have used illegal drugs.

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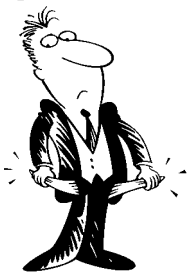

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Nation

Storm Bedevils East Coast

Weather snarls airports, cancels school for more than 1 million children

The United Nations was shut down and more than a million children got the day off from school Wednesday on the heels of a storm that dumped as much as 14 inches of snow in the Northeast.

It was the latest in a series of storms that have spread snow and ice across parts of the eastern half of the nation since the weekend.

Slippery roads have closed schools, businesses and some government offices from the Plains to the East Coast. Thousands of customers still had no electricity in the Southeast because of ice that broke tree limbs and power lines on Tuesday.

At least 56 deaths have been blamed on snow, ice and cold this week from Kansas to the East Coast.

The storm did not live up to expectations in most of the Northeast. Albany, N.Y., got only 3.4 inches instead of the forecast 13 inches, the National Weather Service said. Rhode Island got only half the 10 inches predicted. But New York's Central Park got 10.5 inches, and 30 miles east on Long Island, Dix Hills had 14.6.

Classes were canceled in many school districts in New England and the Middle Atlantic region, including all schools in New York City, the nation's largest system with 1.1 million students.

Airlines canceled more than 400 flights Wednesday at Newark's airport, along with more than 300 at La Guardia and about 50 at Kennedy, officials said. AMY WESTFELDT (AP)

ERIC CONOVER/HAZLETON STANDARD-SPEAKER/AP

Sugarloaf Township, Pa., Police Chief John Hudson inspects damage to a Luzerne County plow truck Wednesday after the driver lost control while plowing snow.

Pa. Man Freed After 40 Years in Prison for Murder

GRATERFORD, PA. | A man who spent four decades in prison for the rape and murder of a 12-year-old girl was freed Wednesday following a long court battle to force the state to honor a governor's clemency order.

Mickens-Thomas

Louis Mickens-Thomas, 75, has long maintained his innocence in the death of Edith Connor, whose battered body was found in 1964. He said fraud by a police crime lab led to his conviction.

Supporters persuaded the late Gov. Robert Casey to commute his life sentence in 1995 but parole officials refused to free him.

The family of the dead child had lobbied furiously to keep Mickens-Thomas in prison. (AP)

Government Asks Court To Stay Detainee Ruling

WASHINGTON | The Bush administration asked the Supreme Court on Wednesday to stop an appeals court from breaking the government's isolation of terrorism suspects at the Navy base in Cuba.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is poised to notify a Guantanamo Bay detainee of its December ruling that found that the prisoners should be allowed to see lawyers and have access to courts, the administration said.

The appeals court also has been asked to allow the inmate, Falen Gherebi, to see a lawyer this month and to permit a class-action lawsuit on behalf of all enemy combatants taken into custody after Sept. 11, 2001.

Solicitor General Theodore Olson asked the high court to block any developments in that case until the Supreme Court decides this year, in a separate case, whether Guantanamo detainees may contest their captivity in American courts.

The government has been holding about 650 men, mostly Muslims, essentially incommunicado at the prison in Cuba.

The military maintains that because the men were picked up overseas on suspicion of terrorism, they may be detained indefinitely without charges or trial.

The Supreme Court announced in November that it would consider appeals on behalf of Guantanamo inmates. A month later, a panel of the 9th Circuit issued the ruling in favor of Gherebi, a Libyan captured in Afghanistan. GINA HOLLAND (AP)

World

AKRAM SALEH/REUTERS

U.S. troops comb the wreckage of a bomb attack at Baghdad's Shaheen hotel on Wednesday. A suspected car bomb blew up outside the hotel shortly after dawn on Wednesday, destroying the building and causing many casualties, witnesses said.

3 Killed in Suicide Bombing

Van masquerading as ambulance detonates near Baghdad hotel

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | A suicide bomber blew up a van disguised as an ambulance in front of a hotel Wednesday after speeding through a security barrier in the heart of Baghdad, killing three people and injuring 17.

The bombing at the Shaheen, a hotel frequented by Westerners, confirmed intelligence warnings that insurgents might use ambulances to evade security checks. It also reinforced fears voiced by U.S. officials that insurgents would step up attacks ahead of the planned July 1 transfer of power by the U.S.-led coalition to Iraqis.

It was the second suicide bombing in the capital in less than two weeks. On Jan. 18, at least 31 people were killed in a suicide bombing at a main gate to the headquarters of the U.S.-led coalition. Most of the dead were Iraqis.

Witnesses said a white van with Red Crescent markings drove through an opening in the barbed wire and concrete cylinder barriers on Masbah Street. They said guards opened fire at the van but it managed to reach the front of the Shaheen Hotel, where it exploded. The U.S. military said the van was packed with 400-500 pounds of explosives.

The attacks cast fresh doubts on whether Iraq is secure enough to hold the elections demanded by Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani, an influential Shiite cleric. He opposes a U.S. plan to select a transitional government through an interim legislature chosen in regional caucuses. SARAH EL DEEB (AP)

Unexpected political power: The comeback of the Iraqi Communists is one of the most remarkable political stories of the post-Hussein era | Today's Post: Section A

Blair Cleared in Charges Of 'Sexing Up' Iraq Intel

Judge blasts BBC for its report, exonerating British prime minister

LONDON | Prime Minister Tony Blair won vindication Wednesday in the toughest political crisis of his career when a judge said the BBC was wrong to report the government "sexed up" intelligence to justify war in Iraq. The broadcaster's top official stepped down within hours.

The verdict was a major boost for Blair, who has been dogged for months by questions about the suicide of arms adviser David Kelly. Lord Hutton, the senior judge investigating Kelly's suicide, cleared Blair and his office of wrongdoing in connection with the death and sharply criticized the BBC.

Hutton said the BBC was wrong to report officials knowingly put misleading claims in a September 2002 dossier summing up intelligence for the public. He called the charge "unfounded" and chastised BBC bosses for failing to scrutinize the story properly.

Blair quickly embraced Hutton's conclusions, saying that while there was "an entirely legitimate argument about the wisdom of the conflict," critics were wrong to accuse him of manipulating evidence. (AP)

KIERAN DOHERTY/AP

Boxes containing copies of the Hutton report are delivered to the Royal Courts of Justice in London on Wednesday.

Hot seat: The BBC, one of the most respected news organizations, issued an apology, but insisted most of its reporting had been accurate | Today's Post: Section A

HEARSAY | THE U.N.'S NEW IRAQ MISSION

"That is a team that is going in to give advice and coming out. It is not a full return of the U.N."

—KOFI ANNAN, UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL
ELABORATING WEDNESDAY ON HIS DECISION TO SEND A U.N. TEAM TO IRAQ TO DETERMINE IF ELECTIONS CAN BE HELD. ANNAN PULLED ALL FOREIGN STAFF FROM IRAQ IN OCTOBER AFTER DEADLY BOMBINGS.

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Bush Gives Assurances to Turkish P.M. Over Iraqi Kurds

At the White House Wednesday, President Bush gave Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan assurances that the United States does not support an expansion of autonomy for Kurds in neighboring Iraq. Turkey vigorously opposes Kurdish self-rule, fearing that Kurdish control of the oil-rich territory could lead to an independent state that could also engulf the Kurdish regions of Turkey. Turkey fought Kurdish rebels for 15 years, until 1999, and sporadic fighting continues. (AP)

FRANCE

Cabinet Approves Ban on Religious Symbols in Schools

Despite protests at home and abroad, the government took its first formal step toward banning the Muslim head scarf from public schools, adopting the measure in a Cabinet session Wednesday. The bill also would ban Jewish skullcaps, large Christian crosses and other religious symbols. Parliament will debate the bill on Tuesday. (AP)

MIDDLE EAST

Israel, Hezbollah Prepare For Rare Prisoner Swap

Arch enemies Israel and the Lebanese guerrilla group Hezbollah readied a prisoner swap early Thursday under tight security at an airfield in Germany, the country that brokered the deal. Israel is freeing 436 prisoners in return for kidnapped businessman Elhanan Tannenbaum and the bodies of three Israeli soldiers as part of a rare agreement between combatants who have fought in Lebanon and along the border with Israel for almost 20 years. Most of the prisoners Israel is to release are Palestinians who will be set free in Gaza and the West Bank. (AP)

HAITI

Police Fire Tear Gas Into Crowd of Protesters, Killing I

Police fired warning shots and tear gas to break up a confrontation between supporters and detractors of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide on Wednesday. One student was killed, apparently when he was struck by a tear-gas grenade. Haiti has been in turmoil since Aristide's Lavalas Family party swept 2000 legislative elections that observers said were flawed. (AP)

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World

Peacekeeper Killed in Kabul

U.S. plans a spring offensive against Taliban

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | A suicide attacker in a taxi laden with 200 pounds of explosives blew himself up next to British peacekeepers patrolling the Afghan capital on Wednesday, killing one soldier and wounding four more.

It was the second suicide assault on foreign troops in as many days, marking an escalation in the Taliban-led rebellion and increasing its parallels with the insurgency raging in Iraq. The bomb exploded as a ceremony was underway in Kabul to honor a Canadian soldier killed in similar fashion on Tuesday.

A spokesman for the Taliban said it was behind both attacks.

A U.S. official in Washington, meanwhile, said U.S.-led forces in Afghanistan planned a spring offensive in response to the persistent violence. The U.S. Defense Department has ordered troops to start working on logistics and getting equipment in place.

More than 140 people have been killed or injured since the ratification of a new constitution on Jan. 4. The Western-backed Afghan government hopes the constitution, which officially became law this week, can unite the country after decades of fighting.

STEPHEN GRAHAM (AP)

P.M. Confirms Rumors Heard 'Round the World

ROME | Premier Silvio Berlusconi acknowledged for the first time Wednesday that he recently underwent cosmetic surgery.

Berlusconi had dropped out of public view for nearly a month at the end of December, prompting speculation that he might be sick. A doctor said the premier had a touch-up around his eyes, then denied he knew anything about it.

The premier spoke about his new look while chatting with fashion journalists at a reception for Italian designers during high fashion week in Rome. He told the reporters it was true he had a nip and tuck , quickly adding "but only under the eyes."

He also said he had gone on a rigid diet in December and had lost 22 pounds.

"I'm feeling very well," Berlusconi said. He dismissed speculation that his absence was caused by an illness as "pure political backbiting."

Left: Berlusconi in December 2003.
Right: The prime minister on Monday.

Berlusconi, who said a few years ago that he had successfully battled prostate cancer, told reporters: "I don't have any tumor." Referring to his busy work and travel schedule, the premier said: "Someone who has cancer couldn't lead this life. Let them go ahead and talk, it will lengthen my life." (AP)

N. Korea in Deal To Give Nigeria Missile Technology

LAGOS, NIGERIA | North Korea has agreed to share missile technology with Nigeria, the Nigerian government said Wednesday — a deal that would take the secretive communist nation's missile business to sub-Saharan Africa.

Nigeria would join Libya, Iran, Egypt, Pakistan and Syria among countries reported to have received North Korea's help with either missiles or missile technology.

Nigeria, which is not under any known threat, said any help would be used for "peacekeeping." It said it was not seeking nuclear technology or weapons of mass destruction.

Nigeria is a political and military heavyweight on the continent and a frequent recipient of U.S. military assistance. (AP)

BY THE NUMBERS: Turkey's parliament on Wednesday voted to launch a new currency by knocking six zeros off of its lira. After decades of chronic inflation, there are now 1,325,000 lira to the dollar. After Jan. 1 of next year, 1 million Turkish lira will become one "New Turkish" lira. (AP)

ITALY | THE LONG HAUL

ADRIANA SAPONE/AP

HIDING PLACES: Police in southern Italy retrieve a package of cocaine hidden inside a block of marble on Wednesday. Italian authorities said police cracked a major international drug smuggling ring, arresting dozens and seizing some 11,000 pounds of cocaine in Italy, Spain and Colombia.

Local

The Lotteries

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Evening Lucky Numbers	9-5-7
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Hot Five	3-2-33-9-13

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	4-2-6
Evening Pick 3	3-3-6
Mid-day Pick 4	8-9-8-8
Evening Pick 4	3-1-9-8
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WINTER WEATHER | BREAKING THE ICE

TIMOTHY JACOBSEN/AP

REACHING OUT: Rich DiMedaci uses a steel bar to knock down icicles hanging above King's menswear store in Frederick, Md. For a third day, the state coped with a winter storm which claimed four lives and caused many schools and businesses to close for three straight days.

New Theory in Murder of Sheriff's Wife

ALEXANDRIA, VA. | Police said Wednesday they believe the wife of Alexandria sheriff James Dunning was slain last month over a personal matter.

Nancy Dunning, 56, was shot to death in her home Dec. 5.

Investigators were trying to reconstruct details of her activities and relationships during the past several years. They issued an appeal for Dunning's friends, associates or neighbors to come forward with information. (AP)

Ex-Cook Named a Suspect in Killings

District Police arrest third person in April shootings at NE tavern

WASHINGTON | Workers at Colonel Brooks' Tavern said Wednesday that they weren't surprised that a former co-worker was named as a suspect in April's triple murder at the popular restaurant.

Police said they were seeking David Alfonza Wright, 33, a former cook at the tavern, in the April 2003 crime.

Tyree Sherrod Bunn, 24, of Oxon Hill, Md., was arrested Monday and Rodman Joseph Durham, 29, of Baltimore, was arrested Tuesday. They were ordered held without bond on Wednesday. A District of Columbia Superior Court magistrate judge set a preliminary hearing for Feb. 11.

A third suspect, Joel Smith, 21, of the District, was arrested Wednesday.

According to papers filed at the Superior Court for the District of Columbia, Bunn and Durham admitted while in custody that they took part in the crime. The court papers said Bunn admitted he was a lookout and Durham said he and another suspect were the shooters.

The three tavern workers, Rodney Barnes, 47, Neomi Payne, 48, and Joshua Greenberg, 34, were shot inside a walk-in freezer. Police said they were killed during a robbery that netted less than $3,000.

General Manager Rudy Manili said Wright was employed at Colonel Brooks' for about 18 months but was away from the job for about six months after being injured in a traffic accident.

Manili said Wright returned to the job — but was fired a few months later because he wasn't getting his work done. FRITZ FAERBER (AP)

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Archdiocese Screens Out 5 Convicted Sex Offenders

New screening methods have kept five convicted sex offenders from working in the Archdiocese of Washington, officials said Wednesday. The archdiocese is the first in the nation to use electronic fingerprinting machines to screen people who work with children, said spokeswoman Susan Gibbs. The fingerprint screenings are part of an overall change in the way the archdiocese's employees deal with children to avoid the appearance of impropriety. The policies were developed in response to the nationwide concern about allegations of abuse by priests. (AP)

RICHMOND

Senate Panel Supports Lifting 21-Day Evidence Law

A Senate committee unanimously endorsed legislation Wednesday to lift Virginia's three-week deadline for inmates to introduce new evidence that could exonerate them. Inmates have only 21 days after sentencing to produce new evidence of innocence. The only exception is DNA evidence, which can be introduced at any time — a change approved by lawmakers in 2001. The 21-day rule is the most restrictive law of its kind in the nation. (AP)

RICHMOND

Lawmakers Reject Delegate's Call to Go on 'Welfare' Diet

A Democratic lawmaker from Charlottesville, Va., asked his colleagues Wednesday to go on a "welfare diet" to better understand the issues of the poor in Virginia. The resolution was unanimously killed in the House Rules Committee. Del. Mitchell Van Yahres's resolution would have encouraged legislators to eat hot dogs, macaroni and cheese, and tuna casserole for two weeks — in other words, live on the budget of someone with food stamps. (AP)

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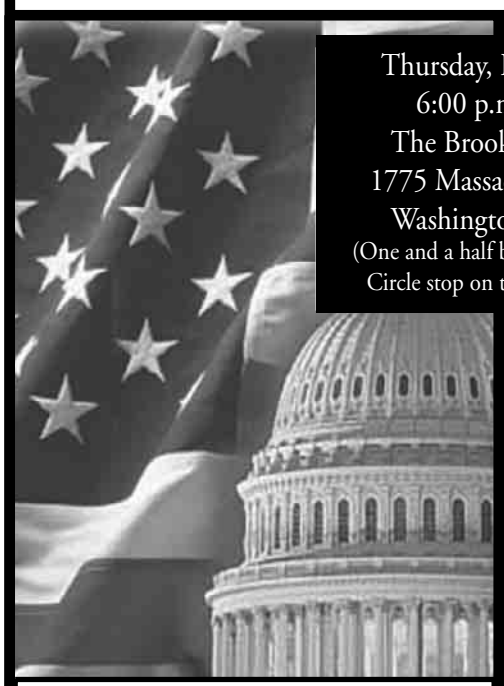

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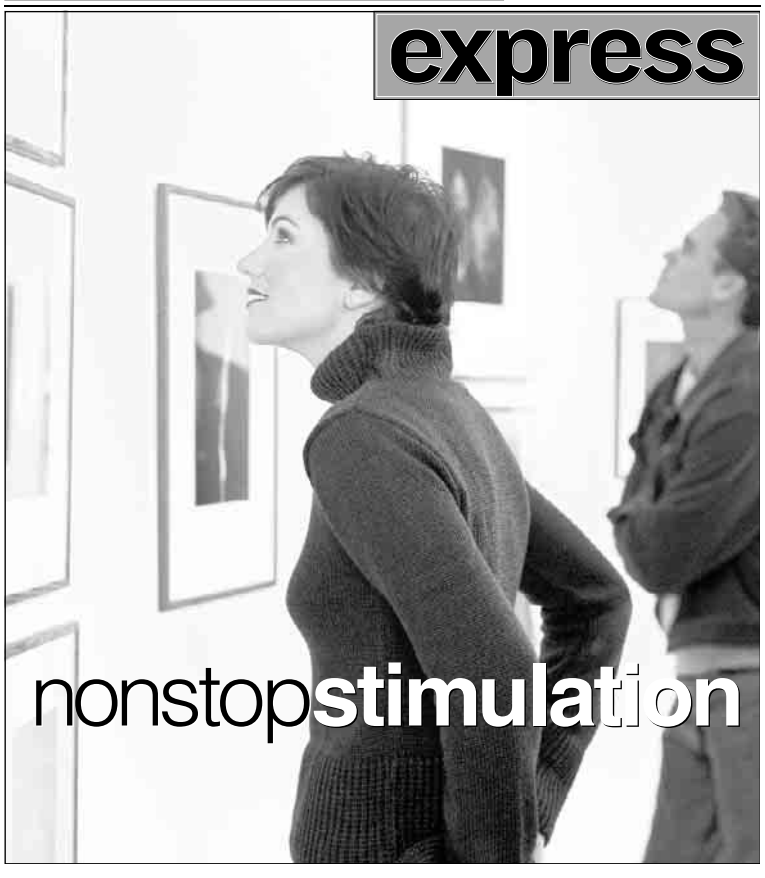

Money

Bankruptcy Bill Clears U.S. House

Erasing debt would become more difficult under proposed law

WASHINGTON | House Republicans decided Wednesday to try to force Senate Democrats to accept their version of a bankruptcy bill by combining that legislation with a bipartisan bill offering bankruptcy help for farmers.

The House voted 265-99 to combine the farm bankruptcy bill with the GOP bankruptcy legislation.

The legislation would make it harder for Americans to erase their debts. If a debtor has sufficient income to repay at least 25 percent of the debt over five years or earned at least the median income for his state, he or she would be forced into a Chapter 13 repayment plan.

Under current law, Chapter 13 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code forces people to repay debts over time in accordance with a court-approved plan, whereas filing under Chapter 7 allows people to escape paying any of their credit card and other debts.

Banking and credit card companies have been pushing the legislation — meant to force more Americans to pay back their debts to businesses — but it has stalled each year in Congress. Many House Democrats oppose the bill because they say it would hurt working people.

The farm bankruptcy bill seeks to make permanent Chapter 12, which allows farmers to reorganize debts without having to sell their farms and equipment. JESSE J. HOLLAND (AP)

Bison Ranchers See Potential Boom

DENVER | A bison boomlet is under way as Americans look for an Atkins diet-friendly and mad cow-proof alternative to beef.

Although the bison industry is just a baby when it comes to U.S. meat production, there are signs of heightened interest.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service reported in 2002 that 25,340 bison were slaughtered, compared with 35 million cattle.

Bison meat, higher in iron than beef, can be difficult to find on store shelves and commands a premium in restaurants and supermarkets compared to a similar cut of beef.

But as for safety, bison are processed in smaller plants that handle far fewer animals than large beef-processing plants, making it easier to ensure safety standards. (AP)

In Brief

INTEREST RATES

Fed Holds Key Rate Steady, But Hints at Future Increase

The Federal Reserve left a key short-term interest rate at a 45-year low on Wednesday but dropped a promise it had been making since August to keep rates low "for a considerable period." The wording change was enough to jolt financial markets, sending stock prices plunging, even though private economists said they believed the Fed still planned on keeping rates unchanged for most of this year. The adverse market reaction occurred because the Fed dropped the phrase it had included in its last four policy statements — that it believed it low inflation and slack utilization of resources gave it the leeway to keep rates low "for a considerable period." (AP)

HEALTH & BEAUTY

L'Oreal Gains Foothold in Chinese Cosmetics Market

Seeking to capitalize on China's growing obsession with beauty, Paris-based cosmetics giant L'Oreal announced Wednesday it has bought Yue-Sai, a popular Chinese makeup brand. Yue-Sai's makeup and fragrances are des igned to suit Chinese tastes and complexions. The company reported $47.9 million in sales in 2003. China's cosmetics market has been expanding by about 30 percent a year, with about $5.4 billion in sales in 2002, as Chinese women are spending more than ever on fashion. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Avaya	17.85	+2.44	+15.8
Mentor	28.31	+3.41	+13.7
Hollinger	16.71	+1.92	+13.0
SP Labs	16.72	+1.67	+11.1
NetwkAsc	17.77	+1.66	+10.3

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
FTI Cnslt s	14.75	-8.24	-35.8
VISX	20.01	-6.09	-23.3
TenetHlt	13.18	-2.97	-18.4
CoopCam	42.00	-6.32	-13.1
ConsolEgy	23.00	-2.97	-11.4

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
SomeraC	3.04	+.89	+41.4
IntrWav rs	6.13	+1.50	+32.4
InfoSpce	31.77	+6.96	+28.1
NetSTch rs	3.12	+.68	+27.8
Pozen	14.54	+3.04	+26.4

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Ryanair	35.13	-14.18	-28.8
Galyans	8.61	-2.49	-22.4
FocusEn	2.08	-.59	-22.1
Atari	3.36	-.91	-21.3
Sirenza	5.68	-1.20	-17.4

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-141.55	-38.67	-15.57
-1.33	-1.83	-1.36
10468.37	2077.37	1128.48

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.92	0.87
2-year	1.82	1.65
10-year	4.19	4.02
30-year	5.01	4.91

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5487	.5477	.6100
Canadian Dollar	1.3250	1.3047	1.5304
European Euro	.8010	.7916	.9243
Japanese Yen	106.08	105.62	118.66
Mexican Peso	10.9345	10.9150	10.9410
Taiwanese Dollar	33.29	33.50	34.66

Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
BcBilVArg	13.70	-.16	-1.1
BcoSnCH	11.75	-.11	-2.2
BankOne	50.98	-1.04	+11.8
Bk of Am	80.50	-1.50	+.1
Barclay	37.28	+.14	+2.6
CredSuiss	38.49	-.77	+5.9
DeutschBk	80.20	-.60	-2.4
FleetBost	44.02	-.82	+.8
HSBC	77.35	-.94	-1.9
JPMorgCh	39.12	-.91	+7.5
LloydTSB	34.49	+.39	+6.0
UBS AG	71.79	-1.12	+5.6
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Wachovia	46.29	-.85	-.6
WellsFrgo	57.06	-.35	-3.1

WeekendPass

CHILDREN OF THE REVOLUTION: Against Me! melds punk rock's leftist politics and strident call for change with folk music's earthy verities and hummable melodies.

Roadhouse Rebels

Against Me! makes country music hardcore and politics essential

MUSIC | The political roots of punk music were hijacked long ago by popsters. The downtrodden heroes of punk have evolved from revolutionary leaders writing songs about working-class struggles to your kid brother whining about his struggle to maintain a girlfriend.

Now the leftist activist movement has a modern soundtrack. Against Me! stormed out of the policy hotbed of Gainesville, Fla., and quickly acquired a rabid fan base on the strength of its provocative, progressive ideals and already legendary live gigs.

At first listen, Against Me! sounds nothing like its punk grandparents. The band weaves folk, country and hardcore elements with absurdly catchy hooks and deafening vocals to create a genuinely original sound in an often derivative genre.

Against Me! isn't a bunch of unproven newcomers with a cult following. The band has just passed a significant hurdle that regularly kills — or at least de-fangs — underground groups: keeping its sound consistent without losing its ideals on a major-label album.

Released last November on Fat Wreck Chords, Against Me!'s "As the Eternal Cowboy" marks a stylistic leap from the stripped-down acoustic guitars and sometimes garbled vocals of its 2002 indie recording, "Reinventing Axl Rose."

More important, the band increased its record sales without alienating its zealous devotees who believe music can be a powerful instrument of change.

PETER DENTON

Opening for Anti-Flag at American University's "Food Not Bombs" blanket, coat and toiletries drive. 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW, Thu., Jan. 29; doors open at 7 p.m., $14; 703-218-6500. (U St.-Cardozo)

Keepin' It Kosher: Adam Goldberg is "The Hebrew Hammer" in a bonkers but good-natured parody.

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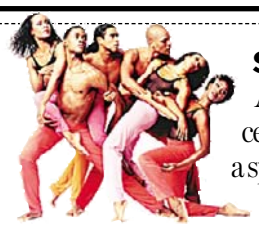

Still Moving: Alvin Ailey Dance Theater celebrates its 45th with a spectacular D.C. show.

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South of the Border Slush: The tart-sweet pomegranate margarita of Penn Quarter's Rosa Mexicana.

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Top Stops

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Classic Pair: Jazz Twofer

England's "first couple of jazz," Cleo Laine and John Dankworth, have headed up major orchestras worldwide and emoted into studio microphones with unbearable intimacy. The husband-and-wife outfit — a singer with a multi-octave range and a saxophonist with a mastery of many musical genres — bring their teamwork and showmanship to town this weekend.

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Fri., Jan. 30, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., $30; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

DIANE BONDAREFF/AP

Dame Cleo Laine performs at Lincoln Center in her muumuu of many colors.

If Junior Had a Hammer: Building for Tots

This is a terrific scam: Teach kids the basics of building restoration — drawing and molding architectural details, identifying historic paint and bricks. Act like it's all in fun. Then get Billy to knock together a greenhouse or tack on a dressing room for Mommy.

Decatur House Museum, 748 Jackson Place NW; Sat., Jan. 31, 10 a.m.-noon, $7.50; free for adults; reservations required, 202-842-0920. 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

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Put a Cork in It

OUT & ABOUT | Nursing a fierce jones for exploration, Thor Heyerdahl constructed a balsawood raft, piloted it from Peru to Polynesia, and penned his book "Kon-Tiki."

Charting a more modest course for adventure and fame, John Pollack, who appears Saturday at Politics and Prose, built a barque of wine corks, rowed it down the Douro and into the hearts of the Portuguese — and wrote "Cork Boat."

A disgruntled Washington speechwriter fed up with the backbiting and infighting on the Hill, Pollack decided several years ago to chuck it all and get back to what mattered when he was a kid.

And that was boat-building.

His first childhood attempt, wrought from orange crates and firewood patched with leftover bumper stickers from a political campaign his mom ran, sank like a stone.

PAULO DUARTE/AP

Pollack, right, with Garth Goldstein, piloting his project into Portugal in 2002.

A raft of milk cartons lashed together with duct tape, though more riverworthy, naturally began to stink within the first day of its maiden voyage and had to be scuttled.

But the craft that the adult Pollack and a team of volunteers fashioned from 165,321 bottle-stoppers and 15,000 rubber bands sailed fair and true into the annals of junkyard boating.

So what do you do with a drunken sailor? You see if he's done with the cork. GLENN DIXON

Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; Sat., Jan 31, 1 p.m.; free; 202-364-1919. (Van Ness-UDC)

TopStops

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Am I Blue: Harold Melvin's Blue Notes

Some of the prime movers of the "Philadelphia sounds," a slick, horn-driven brand of soul derived from doo-wop and headed for the R&B dance floor, Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes spun off hit after hit during their three-decade heyday, with and without early lead singer Teddy Pendergrass. Even after Melvin's death in 1997, the re-named Harold Melvin's Blue Notes continue to bring vigorous, voluptuous soul to audiences everywhere.

MARK HUMPHREY/AP

In 2000, the Blue Notes entertained a president-to-be in their hometown.

Blues Alley, 1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW; Thu.-Sat., Jan. 29-31, 8 and 10 p.m., $23; 202-337-4141.

Oval Office Secrets: White House Butler Tells All

A household's dirty little secrets are usually discovered by those who wear white gloves, but Alonzo Fields isn't indiscreet enough to spill the dirt. Fields was the first African-American to be appointed White House chief butler, and his memories make up the play "Looking Over the President's Shoulder," written by James Hill. Through March 3.

Ford's Theatre, 511 10th St. NW; opens Fri., Jan. 30; for preview performances Jan. 30-Feb. 2, all tickets $25; 202-347-4833. (Metro Center/Gallery Place-Chinatown/Archives-Navy Memorial)

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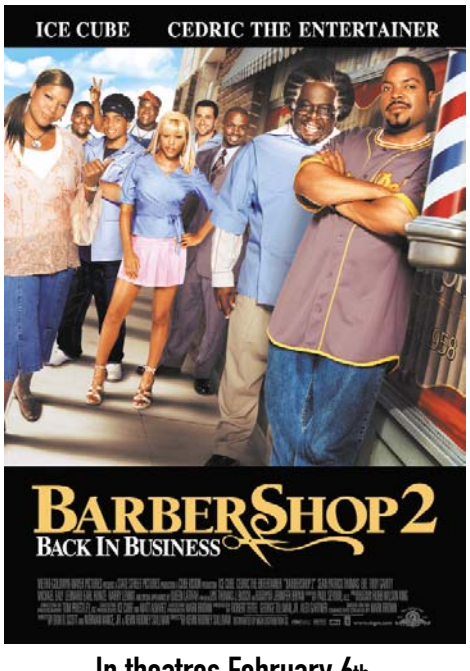

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Rewriting The Blues

Author Elijah Wald explodes the myth of the naive bluesman

READINGS | The Rolling Stones and Cream are just a couple of the '60s rock acts that followed Robert Johnson down to the crossroads. In "Escaping the Delta: Robert Johnson and the Invention of the Blues," Elijah Wald, who discusses his book Thursday at Vertigo Books, brings the blues back into town.

Far from being the guileless folk performer required by myth, Johnson was, according to Wald, a polished professional who had aims of hitting the big time. Sure, he'd learned a few licks at the feet of Son House, but he also listened to the radio and, like so many black performers of his day, loved the blue yodeling of Jimmie Rodgers.

If Johnson's recordings reveal a "down-home" repertoire, it was as much at the urging of the record men as it was a reflection of his own taste.

Shortly before his death in 1938, Johnson was working with a band.

A.P.

Seminal bluesman Robert Johnson, the subject of "Escaping the Delta."

Had he lived, he might have become as slick a showman as Louis Jordan or T-Bone Walker.

Also a veteran musician who has played Antwerp, Seville and Colombo, Sri Lanka, Wald promises to bring his guitar along. Once you're ready to hear the blues anew, he'll pick a few for you. GLENN DIXON

Vertigo Books, 7346 Baltimore Ave., College Park; Thu., Jan 29, 7 p.m., free; 301-779-9300.(College Park-University of Maryland)

TopStops

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Crystal Clear: Sarah Brightman Sings

Yes, we think the same thing you do when listening to the lovely Sarah Brightman sing: What did this woman with a beautifully clear and versatile Broadway voice need to marry Andrew Lloyd Weber for? (Let's face it: Some guys get into showbiz because they're, y'know, trolls. Physically speaking.) Hear the former Mrs. Weber's crystalline soprano applied to sparkling pop tunes, the sinuous music of her Middle Eastern-themed album,

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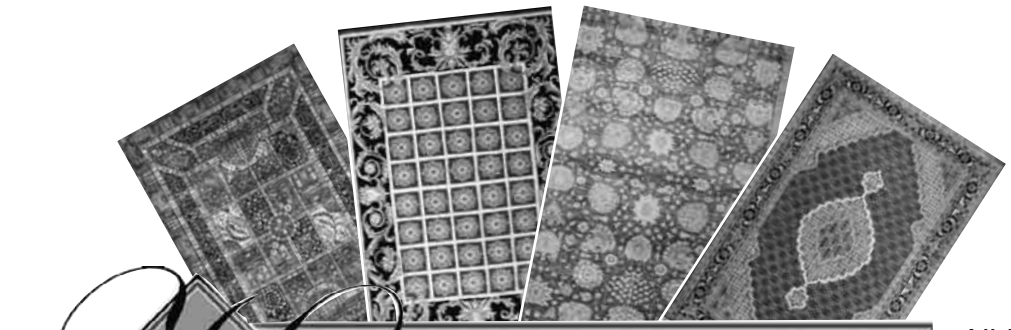

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Weekend Pass

KEEPING THE SHALOM: Adam Goldberg as Hammer gets down with his bad self.

Hammer Time

FILM | Fans of entertainment in good taste will want to stay away from Visions Cinema this weekend. For the rest of us, five words: Andy Dick as Santa Claus.

As "The Hebrew Hammer," Jonathan Kesselman's bonkers sendup of exploitation flicks, tells it, Santa's evil spawn Demian (Dick) lusts after his dad's power. He offs the jolly old elf and, still spattered with Santa-blood, announces that the North Pole workshop's new mission is to eliminate Hanukkah.

That's where Mordechai Jefferson Carver, the Hebrew Hammer, steps in — Orthodox stud, kosher hero, the jive Jew who struts to the beat of the street. Adam Goldberg plays the Hammer with the right balance of insouciance and babbling insecurity. He must woo Esther, daughter of the head of the Jewish conspiracy, call upon the Kwanzaa Liberation Front and face down Demian, all the while showing up at Ma's for supper every night as promised.

This holiday-themed farce enjoyed a limited release in New York and Los Angeles late last year and aired on Comedy Central. To say that it's insanely funny doesn't quite cover how tasteless or how smart the film's jokes are, but the whole thing is good-natured and scattershot in a vein recognizable from the "Airplane!" films. (EXPRESS)

Visions Cinema, 1927 Florida Ave., Opens Fri., Jan. 30; 202-667-0090. (Dupont Circle)

BLOOMING EXHIBIT | ORCHID SHOW

BILL O'LEARY/TWP

TROPICAL BEAUTIES: Known for exotic varieties like these Phaius Tankervillae, above, the U.S. Botanic Gardens hosts "Orchids! Beauty and Beyond," an examination of the exotic flora. Through March 21. U.S. Botanic Gardens, 245 First St. SW; opens Sat., Jan. 31; 202-225-8333.

RICH LIPSKI/TWP

SLIPPING AND SLIDING: Skaters of all levels find a pretty, outdoor rink with the added motivation of great music at the National Gallery Ice Rink.

On Thick Ice

OUT & ABOUT | Sure, it feels as if it's always been cold, it will always be cold and cold is all your bones, your car, your pipes, your toes and what's left of your frizzed-out hair have ever known.

But the sun will shine again, and it will get too warm for that peacoat you're already sick of wearing, and you'll think, "Huh. I didn't go skating at all winter."

And that would be a shame. Unlike another winter sport, skiing, skating is fun even if you aren't an expert — it takes very little practice for the novice to quit gripping the rail and make a wobbly solo glide, and not much more dutiful circling to evoke that "Whee! I'm flying!" feeling known to many a skater.

The Washington area is bristling with rinks; the indoor ones are useful year-'round, but not as romantic as the rinks that are filled with frozen water because it's literally freezing.

If part of the pleasure of skating is getting away from it all, check washingtonpost.com/entertainment for a complete list of rinks from Ashburn to Gaithersburg. (EXPRESS)

- **Pershing Park Ice Rink**, Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street NW; 202-737-6938.
- **National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden and Ice Skating Rink**, 700 Constitution Ave. NW; 202-289-3360.
- **Cabin John Regional Park Ice Rink**, 10610 Westlake Drive, Rockville, Md.; 301-365-0585.
- **Fort Dupont Ice Arena**, 3779 Ely Place SE; 202-584-5007.
- **Mount Vernon Rec Center**, 2017 Belle View Blvd., Alexandria, Va.; 703-768-3224.

ROAD TRIP: Be! Aggressive! B! E! Aggressive! American Dance and Cheer Competition comes to Show Place Arena, 14900 Pennsylvania Ave., Upper Marlboro, Md.; Sat., Jan. 31, 10 a.m., 301-952-7999.

Making a Man

STAGE | You think Howard Dean's got a big mouth? The German playwright Bertolt Brecht claimed the No. 5 spot on Hitler's death list.

Sensibly, he left Germany, eventually settling in California. However, the U.S. Congress decided Brecht wasn't American enough, so back he went to East Germany.

Add in Brecht's reputation as a libertine, Marxist, pacifist and theatrical genius. Stir. From these ingredients comes "A Man's a Man," Brecht's wry political satire opening at Arena Stage.

Penned between the two world wars, former military medic Brecht turned his withering eye on the military machine. Gentle dock worker Galy Gay steps out to buy his wife a fish for dinner when he's shanghaied by three crooked soldiers who've lost their comrade during a robbery.

Fearing the wrath of their brutal sergeant, the soldiers farcically begin to transform Gay into a bloodthirsty supersoldier.

The sergeant, in turn, can restrain his appetite for blood and sex only by a spectacular act of, um, self-abuse. Did we mention this is satire? It should be a bracing corrective for anyone weary of candidates taking swings at each other's military records.

Hungarian director Enik Eszenyi promises a timely examination of military culture from an Eastern European perspective. Thankfully Brecht's mighty pen is funnier than the sword. Through March 7. BOB MASSEY

Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW; opens Fri., Jan 30; $41-$52; 202-488-3300. (Waterfront-SEU)

A SOLDIER NEEDS AN ELEPHANT LIKE A FISH NEEDS A RIFLE: Bertolt Brecht's absurdist play is a metaphor for the loss of humanity forged by a militaristic society.

TopStops

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Swinging Low: Holloway-Nixon Showcase

You can't swing a cat around the Washington-area nightlife scene without hitting either Ron Holloway or Julia Nixon or both of them together. And speaking of swinging cats, they're a couple of them. This weekend, hard-bop tenor saxophonist Holloway and sizzling, versatile vocalist Nixon — staples of the local jazz-and-standards scene — team up for a night of classically trained, R&B-soulful, blues-saturated, dance-funky, jazz-improvisational and pop-accessible music-making.

Wolf Trap, the Barns, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna; Thu., Jan. 29, 8 p.m., $18; 703-218-6500.

TRACY A. WOODWARD/TWP

Tenor saxophonist and former Dizzy Gillespie bandmate Holloway blows.

Friday in

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A Capital Group: The Beatles played their first U.S. show at the Washington Coliseum. Did D.C. spark Stateside Beatlemania? | *Cover*

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Rock 'n' Rule

OUT & ABOUT | So you wanna be a rock 'n' roll star? Maybe you should go into comedy.

Fred Armisen, who rocks the Black Cat Thursday night, is "that one actually funny guy" on "Saturday Night Live." That's the payoff from years of touring as the drummer for Chicago thinky-rockers Trenchmouth.

The other payoff was an empty bank account, but at least he picked up a few sporting friends, like uber-engineer Steve Albini and Janeane Garofalo, who agreed to play along for "Fred Armisen's Guide to Music and SXSW."

The full-length video is one long prank. Armisen alternately plays a "special-needs" journo or a tactless German interviewer at Austin's South by Southwest music conference. It's not always clear which semi-celebs are in on the joke and which are clueless.

The mind-melting chutzpah of Armisen's assault on indie-rock notables spread his comic reputation faster than an internet virus.

One thing led to another and suddenly Armisen's "Fericito" was coaching Sen. John McCain through his SNL monologue.

But all those nights behind the skins weren't for naught. Witness decrepit drummer "Mackey" and wince at what could have been. Happily, he's just keeeeeding.

Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Thu., Jan. 29, 8:30 p.m.; $12. (U St./Cardozo)

NORMAN NG/NBC

"I'M JUST KEEDING!" Fericito explains to SNL news anchors how to tell a joke.

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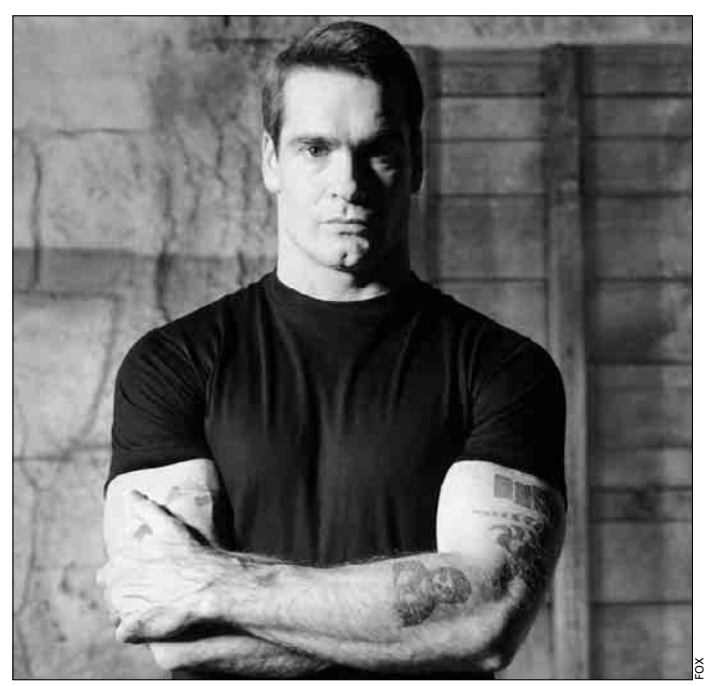

FOX

REBEL WITHOUT A PAUSE: Henry Rollins earned his thick neck by pumping iron and his rhythmic bellow from fronting punk bands, but he's best known as a raconteur and chronicler of his own weird life. GWU, Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st St. NW; Thu., Jan. 29, 8 p.m., $22.50; 800-551-7328.

Happy Anniversary, Ailey

DANCE | The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater turns 45 this year, and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the Washington Performing Arts Society are helping to celebrate the company's elegant balance of consistency and innovation.

Dance Theater's D.C. performance promises new works as well as interpretations of company favorites and Ailey classics, including choreographer Robert Battle's "Juba"; Alonzo King's "Heart Song"; Dwight Rhoden's "Bounty Versus"; and Ulysses Dove's erotic, high-energy "Episodes," with music by Robert Ruggieri.

In addition to these new works, the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater will revive Judith Jamison's "Hymn" and Donald McKayle's "Rainbow 'Round My Shoulder."

Through the loss of its founder in 1989, the acquisition of the great Jamison as artistic director, and a series of ever-changing choreographers — the company has yet to miss a step. Through Feb. 1. DARONA WILLIAMS (EXPRESS)

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CARIBBEAN

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DECADENCE

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GOODBYES

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FINN & PORTER

(5000 Seminary Road, in the Mark Center, Alexandria; 703-379-2346) For a place whose name bellows big beef and bass, this is a surprisingly modest and well-mannered restaurant with a broad but moderately priced wine list. Steaks are generous but not gigantic, the fish is flown in daily and generally they are all treated with simple respect, although the kitchen has a tendency to overcook and oversalt. Unlike many restaurants that dangle sushi as bait, F&P's shellfish bar is worth a visit. Entrees $14 to $29. EVE ZIBART

JAMES A. PARCELL/TWP

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Television

Airing Gossip

MEDIA | Star magazine, known for its gossipy stories and provocative photos of celebrities, wants to expand beyond the supermarket checkout racks to television.

The title's owner, American Media Inc., said Tuesday it was seeking partners to produce shows that would carry the Star name and content. The programming, which would air primarily on cable TV, could lead to the launch of a new network, executives said.

To spearhead its entry into broadcasting, American Media, which also owns the National Enquirer, has hired as a senior adviser Tom Rogers, former president of NBC's cable operations.

He is familiar with magazines, having headed Primedia Inc. for more than three years in which that company attempted an ill-fated expansion into the Internet.

Fuller

The foray into broadcasting is due in part to Bonnie Fuller, the successful editor of the celebrity newsmagazine Us Weekly, who now is transforming the Star from a supermarket tabloid to a glossy celebrity periodical. Fuller used TV partnerships to help boost Us Weekly's newsstand sales.

JAMES T. MADORE (AP)

ON TV TONIGHT

HARD-EARNED FREEDOM

Richard Dreyfuss narrates **MARVIN ANDERSON'S NIGHTMARE: STORIES FROM THE INNOCENCE PROJECT** (10 p.m., Court TV). DNA evidence has been used to free more than 140 wrongly convicted prisoners. The Innocence Project, a charity legal-assistance organization headquartered at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York City, has provided direct representation or critical assistance in more than two-thirds of those cases. Barry Scheck and Peter Neufeld, lawyers renowned for their work in using DNA evidence, founded the organization in 1992. As "Nightmare" relates, Marvin Anderson was convicted of robbery, abduction and rape in 1982. He spent 15 years in prison before Innocence Project lawyers, using DNA evidence, cleared his name.

PBS

FBI agents remove items from the Lackawanna residence of suspects.

THE TERRORISTS NEXT DOOR

FRONTLINE (9 p.m., PBS) "Chasing the Sleeper Cell," a repeat episode, casts some doubt on the significance of the capture of "the Lackawanna six," a band of alleged terrorists with ties to Osama bin Laden residing in a Buffalo, N.Y., suburb.

NEWHART, UNBUTTONED

It has been more than four decades since Bob Newhart won fans with his comedy album "The Button-Down Mind of Bob Newhart," but the comic actor is going strong. He appears as a North Pole dad in the hit comedy "Elf," a plugged-in doorman in "Legally Blonde 2," and in three episodes of **ER** as an ailing architect. The first installment of that trio repeats tonight (10 p.m., NBC).

CULT CHOICE

THE ROSE (8 p.m., Fox Movie Channel), Bette Midler made her acting debut in the 1979 music-industry drama "based on the career and demise of Janis Joplin." Alan Bates, Frederic Forrest and Harry Dean Stanton co-star. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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	WHUT 32	Flashpoints U.S.A. CC		World News	Think Tank	On Africa				World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N) CC	
	WBDC 50	Parkers CC	Steve Harvey	Parkers CC	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Andersons	Surreal Life CC		Will & Grace	Just Shoot	Will & Grace	Blind Date (N)
BASIC CABLE	A&E	City Confidential CC		Amer. Justice		Cold Case Files CC		Who Killed Kathy Durst?		Airline CC	Airline CC	Third Watch CC	
	Animal	Crocodile Hunter CC		Animals	Animals	Jeff Corwin Experience CC		Most Extreme "Oddities"		Animal Cops: Houston CC		Jeff Corwin Experience CC	
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live			Movie Spl	Parkers CC	Parkers CC	106 & Park: Prime		Comicview		Nightly News	Maad Sports
	Bravo	(5:00) ★★ "Reckless" 'R'		West Wing CC		★★ "The Vanishing" (1993, Suspense) Jeff Bridges. 'R'				Queer Eye for Straight Guy		West Wing CC	
	Comedy	Late Night CC		Daily Show	Mad TV		Yankers	Insomniac	South Park	Man Show	Man Show	Daily Show	Tough Crowd
	Court	Profiler "Pianissimo" CC		Cops CC	Cops CC	Hwd. Justice	Hollywood	Forensic	Evidence	M. Anderson		NYPD Blue CC	
	Discovery	Supermax "Internal Affairs"		New Detectives-Forensic		Coming Home From Space		Mars Rocks: The Update		More Than Human CC		Coming Home From Space	
	DISCH	Rescue 911	Rescue 911	Paramedics		Buff Brides: Challenge		Sex Mania		Berman & Berman (N)		Buff Brides: Challenge	
	Disney	Even Stevens	Sister, Sister	Sister, Sister	Lizzie	★★ "Smart House" (1999, Comedy) Ryan Merriman. CC				Sister, Sister	Boy World	Kim Possible	Proud Family
	E!	Celebrities Uncensored		E! News (N)	Good to Be	Kim Basinger: True Story		Sharon Stone: True Story		Fashion Police		Howard Stern	Howard Stern
	FX	★½ "The Animal" (2001, Comedy) Rob Schneider.				★ "Tomcats" (2001) Jerry O'Connell, Shannon Elizabeth.				Cops CC	Cops CC	★ "Tomcats" (2001)	
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	Family	Full House	Full House	7th Heaven "Holy War" CC		"Time Share" (2000, Comedy) Nastassja Kinski. CC				Whose Line?	Whose Line?	700 Club CC	
	History	Tales of the Gun CC		Modern Marvels "Metal"		Engineering Disasters CC				Disaster Technology CC		End of the World CC	
	Lifetime	Unsolved Mysteries CC		Golden Girls CC		Nanny CC	Nanny CC	★★ "A Child's Cry for Help" (1994) Veronica Hamel.				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
	MTV	Taildaters (N)	MTV Special	Direct Effect CC		Punk'd CC	Punk'd CC	Osbournes	MTV Special	True Life (N) CC		MTV Special CC	
	NICK	U-Pick CC	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats CC	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Roseanne CC	Roseanne CC
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 CC		★★ "Revelation" (2001) Terence Stamp. CC				"Dragon Storm" (2004) John Rhys-Davies. CC				★★ "Meteor" (1979) CC	
	SPIKE	Cheers CC	Cheers CC	Star Trek: Next Gener.		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme
	TBS	Home Imp.	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	Friends CC	★★½ "You've Got Mail" (1998, Comedy) Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan. CC					(:40) ★★★ "A League of Their Own" CC		
	TLC	Clean Sweep		Mega Machines		Industrial Wonders		Mostly True: Urban Legends		Area 51: Fact or Fiction		Industrial Wonders	
	TNT	Charmed "Charmed Again"		NBA Basketball New Jersey Nets at Orlando Magic. (Live) CC					NBA Basketball Sacramento Kings at San Antonio Spurs. (Live) CC				
	USA	Walker, Texas Ranger CC		JAG "Against All Enemies"		Law & Order		★★½ "Blow" (2001, Drama) Johnny Depp, Penelope Cruz. CC					Law & Order
	VHI	Awesomely Bad Videos CC		Awesomely Bad Fashion CC		Awesomely Bad Girls CC		Awesomely Bad Hair CC		Bands Reunited CC		Bands Reunited CC	
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	ESPN2	Billiards Mosconi Cup.		College Basketball Maryland at Wake Forest. (Live) CC				College Basketball Florida State at Duke. (Live) CC				Tennis: Australian Open	
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NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight CC		Anderson Cooper 360 CC		Paula Zahn Now CC		Larry King Live CC		NewsNight-Aaron Brown		Lou Dobbs Tonight	
	FNC	Special Report (Live) CC		Fox Report-Shepard Smith		O'Reilly Factor (Live) CC		Hannity & Colmes CC		On the Record		O'Reilly Factor	
	MSNBC	Hardball (Live) CC		Presidential Debate (Live)			Hardball CC	Deborah Norville Tonight		Scarborough Country (Live)		Hardball CC	
MOVIES	AMC	(5:35) ★★★ "Dr. No" (1962) Sean Connery. 'PG'				★★★ "Nevada Smith" (1966, Western) Steve McQueen. 'NR'					(:45) ★★★½ "Will Penny" (1968) 'NR'		
	TCM	(:15) ★★★ "My Man and I" (1952) Ricardo Montalban.				★★★ "Battleground" (1949) Van Johnson. 'NR'				★★★ "The Story of G.I. Joe" (1945) Burgess Meredith.			
	HBO	(5:30) ★★★½ "Minority Report" (2002) Tom Cruise. CC				Inside the NFL CC		★★★ "Pale Rider" (1985) Clint Eastwood. CC 'R' CC				Real Sex 22 CC	
	MAX	(5:35) ★★ "The Saint" (1997) Val Kilmer.			★★★ "Catch Me if You Can" (2002) Leonardo DiCaprio. CC 'PG-13' CC					★★★ "Road to Perdition" (2002) Tom Hanks. CC 'R' CC			
	SHO	★ "Rock My World" (2002) Peter O'Toole. 'R' CC				★★★½ "Fatal Attraction" (1987) Michael Douglas. 'R'				Chris Isaak (iTV) (N) CC		★★★ "She's Gotta Have It"	
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	STARZ!	(5:20) "Tuck Everlasting"		★★½ "The Distinguished Gentleman" (1992) CC 'R' CC				★★★ "The Quiet American" (2002) 'R'			(:45) ★★½ "Reign of Fire" (2002) 'PG-13'		
	ENCORE	(:15) ★★★ "Monsters, Inc." (2001, Adventure) CC 'G' CC				★ "Sorority Boys" (2002) Barry Watson.			(:35) ★★ "The Basketball Diaries" (1995) CC 'R' CC				The Rookie

Sports

LIVE ONLINE

The Capitals

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Washington Post staff writer **JASON LA CANFORA** was online Wednesday to discuss the Washington Capitals' troubles on and off the ice.

What is the prevailing opinion among Caps players regarding the Ted Leonsis incident? If an owner had attacked a customer in any normal work environment, most employees would feel disgust or, at the very least, embarrassment that management would reduce itself to such a crude level.

Privately, the players are shocked and embarrassed. It makes the entire organization look silly. But no one is going to say anything on the record. I know if my boss was in a similar situation, I would keep my mouth shut, too.

Although everyone realizes this team needs to do some rebuilding, many fans are disappointed at the prospect of losing all-time favorites Peter Bondra and Olie Kolzig. How prepared do you feel the organization is to accept the anger that will arise from these moves?

I think trading Bondra is a very touchy subject internally, especially because he does not want to be dealt. But there is a sentiment that it might make sense to give him a chance to win a Stanley Cup elsewhere. It will come down to what is offered for him. Ottawa and Toronto have some strong interest, but it is still a little early to gauge the entire market.

There seems to be a constant battle over the best way to improve attendance. Current hockey fans want a stronger focus on the product on the ice. Management wants to appeal to new people with glitzy videos and in-game entertainment. Is there any chance that the ownership will realize that building a successful team is the best way to generate interest?

The new approach to sustaining consistency and moderation on the payroll, plus a salary cap, should enable smaller market teams to be more competitive and allow them to lower ticket prices. I know that is what Ted is banking on. Regardless, attendance is a big problem around the NHL and particularly in D.C.

GAIL BURTON/AP

Melvin Mora, seen here scoring a run in September, will get $10.5M from Baltimore.

Mora Agrees to Deal With Orioles

PRO BASEBALL | All-Star Melvin Mora agreed to a $10.5 million, three-year contract with the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday, avoiding salary arbitration.

Mora enjoyed his finest season in the majors in 2003 despite seeing limited time in the second half because of injuries. He hit .317 with 15 homers and 48 RBIs in 96 games and was the Orioles' lone representative in the All-Star game.

Mora played a variety of positions in 2003, including shortstop, second base and the outfield. But he is projected as the Orioles' starting third baseman in 2004.

Mora received a $1 million signing bonus. He will earn $2 million in 2004, $3.5 million in 2005 and $4 million in 2006. The contract also includes up to $350,000 in available performance bonuses each season.

Also Wednesday, the Orioles raised the price of thousands of lower-deck tickets for the 2004 season. The price increase affects the best seats in the house — as well as the so-called cheap seats.

It's only the second time in seven years that the Orioles have boosted the price of tickets for home games.

DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	L10	CONF.
New Jersey	23	20	.535	—	4-6	15-10
Boston	22	24	.478	2.5	5-5	13-17
New York	20	27	.426	5	6-4	15-14
Philadelphia	19	26	.422	5	3-7	15-14
Miami	19	26	.422	5	4-6	13-12
Washington	13	30	.302	10	4-6	8-20
Orlando	12	34	.261	12.5	4-6	10-21

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	L10	CONF.
Indiana	33	13	.717	—	7-3	23-7
Detroit	29	16	.644	3.5	7-3	19-10
New Orleans	25	19	.568	7	4-6	17-11
Milwaukee	25	19	.568	7	7-3	19-10
Toronto	20	22	.476	11	3-7	12-13
Cleveland	16	28	.364	16	5-5	11-16
Atlanta	14	32	.304	19	4-6	9-20
Chicago	13	32	.289	19.5	2-8	12-16

WESTERN CONFERENCE

MIDWEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	L10	CONF.
Minnesota	31	12	.721	—	9-1	14-9
Dallas	29	16	.644	3	9-1	18-10
San Antonio	30	17	.638	3	4-6	12-10
Houston	26	18	.591	5.5	7-3	11-13
Memphis	25	18	.581	6	9-1	14-12
Denver	26	21	.553	7	4-6	17-13
Utah	22	22	.500	9.5	4-6	11-15

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	L10	CONF.
Sacramento	30	12	.714	—	6-4	17-10
L.A. Lakers	26	15	.634	3.5	5-5	14-13
Seattle	22	21	.512	8.5	4-6	15-9
L.A. Clippers	19	24	.442	11.5	4-6	11-17
Portland	18	24	.429	12	3-7	8-17
Golden State	18	25	.419	12.5	4-6	10-17
Phoenix	17	29	.370	15	5-5	10-17

Standings through Jan. 27 games.

Jagr, the return: The Washington Capitals face their old mate when playing the New York Rangers, and the Wizards face the Magic | washingtonpost.com/sports

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	24	16	6	3	57	129	111
Atlanta	21	23	5	2	49	141	150
Florida	17	21	10	3	47	112	136
Carolina	17	23	9	2	45	95	123
Washington	14	29	5	2	35	118	157

ATLANTIC	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Philadelphia	25	11	10	5	65	139	113
New Jersey	26	12	10	1	63	115	89
N.Y. Islanders	24	20	5	1	54	142	125
N.Y. Rangers	19	20	7	4	49	133	142
Pittsburgh	11	32	5	3	30	101	189

NORTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Toronto	27	13	8	3	65	137	121
Ottawa	27	12	7	3	64	167	102
Boston	22	14	11	4	59	124	120
Montreal	24	19	6	2	56	124	112
Buffalo	21	25	5	1	48	124	133

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Detroit	28	15	7	2	65	165	122
St. Louis	25	16	6	1	57	120	115
Nashville	24	18	6	2	56	118	127
Columbus	14	26	7	3	38	103	142
Chicago	12	27	7	5	36	110	148

NORTHWEST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Colorado	29	11	8	2	68	156	112
Vancouver	28	14	7	2	65	147	115
Calgary	25	17	4	3	57	117	104
Minnesota	17	20	15	0	49	112	117
Edmonton	19	23	8	1	47	126	134

PACIFIC	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
San Jose	23	12	11	4	61	123	104
Dallas	23	20	9	0	55	104	114
Los Angeles	19	15	11	5	54	130	126
Phoenix	18	16	13	2	51	124	126
Anaheim	15	22	8	5	43	104	131

Standings through Jan. 27 games.
One point awarded to overtime losses.

X'S AND Y'S: The International Volleyball Federation will end gender testing. One reason given was that not all women have standard female chromosomes. In the past, there have been accusations of men impersonating women in matches. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (7 p.m. on ESPN2) Maryland looks to hand ACC rival Wake Forest its fifth loss in a row.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (9 p.m. on ESPN2) Surprising Florida State (14-5, 3-3) visits Cameron Indoor Stadium to face No. 1 Duke (16-1, 5-0).

PRO HOCKEY (7 p.m. on Comcast) The Washington Capitals will move two points closer to fourth place in the Southeast division if they defeat the Carolina Panthers.

TENNIS (2 p.m. on ESPN and 11 p.m. on ESPN2) Same day coverage of the men's semifinals in the afternoon and live action of the women's double's championship at night.

PRO BASKETBALL (9:30 p.m. on TNT) The defending NBA champion San Antonio Spurs host the Sacramento Kings, who are leading the Pacific division.

Open Semifinalists Eye No. 1 Ranking

Federer, Ferrero move within one match of reaching tourney final

TENNIS | It's a showdown worthy of a Grand Slam final: Roger Federer vs. Juan Carlos Ferrero, with the No. 1 ranking at stake.

One little thing, though. Their Australian Open match is only a semifinal.

Wimbledon champion Federer beat eighth-seeded David Nalbandian of Argentina 7-5, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3 in the quarterfinals Wednesday, while French Open champion Ferrero eliminated Hicham Arazi of Morocco 6-1, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (5).

RICK STEVENS/AP

Juan Carlos Ferrero screams for joy in his quarterfinal match Wednesday.

"Today was a good test, and I think I passed," Ferrero said. "I need some rest today and tomorrow. I'm very motivated to get [No. 1] again. I'm playing very good, very solid."

He was supplanted atop the ATP Tour rankings by Andy Roddick late last season. But Roddick will drop after losing to Marat Safin in the quarterfinals in Australia.

Ferrero needs to beat Federer and then Andre Agassi or Safin in the final to return to No. 1. Federer will get there for the first time if he beats Ferrero.

The women's semifinals feature Justine Henin-Hardenne and Kim Clijsters. If Henin-Hardenne beats No. 32 Fabiola Zuluaga and Clijsters gets past No. 22 Patty Schnyder, they'll meet in the third all-Belgian major final since June.

JOHN PYE (AP)

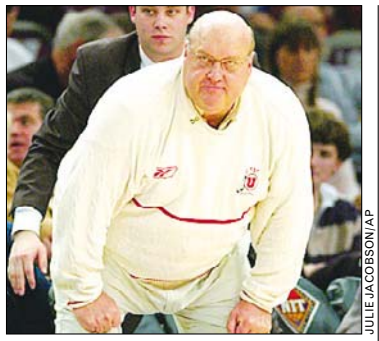
Sports

Utah's Majerus to Resign

Longtime coach will leave at end of season due to heart trouble

COLLEGE BASKETBALL | Utah basketball coach Rick Majerus was hospitalized with heart problems and will resign after the season, the school announced Wednesday.

Majerus, 55, felt chest pains Tuesday night and contacted a cardiologist in Santa Barbara, Calif., where he went for treatment. "He's stepping down, definitely, at the end of the season," Utah spokesman Mike Lageschulte told The Associated Press. "If he's doing better and can come back, he will, but right now he definitely won't coach beyond this year."



JULIE JACOBSON/AP

Rick Majerus led Utah to the NCAA final game against Kentucky in 1998.

Assistant coach Kerry Rupp will take over coaching duties in the interim for Utah (15-5).

Majerus led the team to the 1998 NCAA championship game, where it lost to Kentucky.

Majerus, 323-95 since being hired by Utah in 1989, has taken extended leaves twice before for health reasons.

Majerus coached just six games in his first season before having heart bypass surgery in December 1989. He coached one game in the 2000-01 season before leaving to deal with health issues and care for his ailing mother.

In the 1990s, Utah ranked eighth in Division I in victories (250) and winning percentage (.767). The team has made 10 trips to the NCAA tournament under Majerus. DOUG ALDEN (AP)

In Brief

OBITUARY

Hall of Famer Hirsch Dies

Elroy "Crazy Legs" Hirsch, an NFL Hall of Famer who earned his nickname for an erratic on-field running style, died early Wednesday. He was 80. Hirsch died of natural causes at an assisted living facility, said Steve Malchow, assistant athletic director for the University of Wisconsin, where Hirsch was athletic director for nearly two decades. (AP)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Clarett Passes on Workouts

Suspended Ohio State tailback Maurice Clarett won't take part in offseason workouts even though he's been cleared by the school. "I think he felt he didn't want to work out until he got reinstated by the NCAA," Ohio State athletic director Andy Geiger said Wednesday. Clarett has been suspended since September for accepting improper benefits from a family friend and then lying about it to investigators. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL

Bruschi Listed as Probable

New England Patriots linebacker Tedy Bruschi was listed as probable Wednesday on the first injury report of Super Bowl week, and tight end Christian Fauria and running back Patrick Pass were also given a 75 percent chance of playing in Sunday's game against Carolina, who listed no injured players. (AP)

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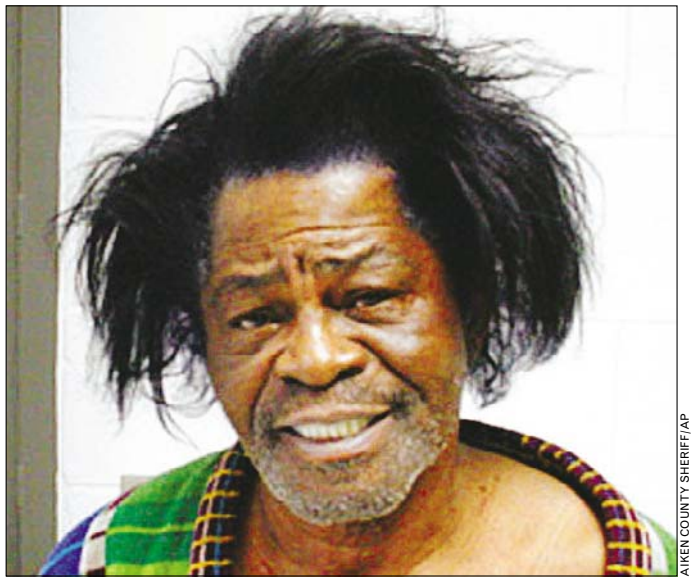
People

ARRESTS

I Feel Bad

JAMES BROWN was arrested in Aiken, S.C., Wednesday on domestic violence charges after allegedly pushing his wife to the floor during an argument, authorities said. Brown, 70, was booked into the county jail and was to appear at a bond hearing, said a police spokesman. Tomi Rae Brown, 33, had scratches and bruises to her right arm and hip and was taken to a hospital. Brown was honored last month at the Kennedy Center as "one of the most influential musicians of the past 50 years." (AP)



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VANITY

Keeping That Chin Up Takes More Than Nature

Persistent rumors that Sen. John Kerry employs Botox to keep his long face smooth may have reached their zenith with his New Hampshire win. Or maybe not. After all, his wife, Teresa Heinz Kerry, is open about her use of the anti-wrinkle injections. No way — the candidate looks far too haggard, insists Kerry spokeswoman Stephanie Cutter. "Have you looked at him? He looks like a 60-year-old man who has been working too hard running for president, with little time for sleep and no time to worry about what he looks like," she told the New York Daily News. (EXPRESS)

GARY HERSHORN/REUTERS

Does John Kerry preserve his haggard, wrinkled glow with cosmetic treatments?

JUST IN CASE

I'll Do It Because I Want To, Not Because You Told Me To

A Cook County judge has ordered **R. KELLY**, who is awaiting trial on child pornography charges, to stay away from Michael Jackson, himself facing child molestation charges, when Kelly attends the Grammy awards next month. The Chicago-based Kelly has produced two songs for the King of Pop and is nominated for two Grammys. Jackson is not up for any awards and there are no indications that he plans to attend the ceremony. (AP)

COURTNEY WATCH

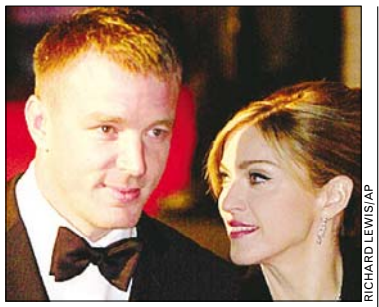
Judge Prolongs the Agony

A Beverly Hills, Calif., court hearing for **COURTNEY LOVE**, who faces two felony counts of possession of a controlled substance, was postponed for the second time after the judge said "additional investigation" was needed before the case could proceed. The 39-year-old singer-actress has pleaded innocent to charges of illegal possession of two painkillers, hydrocodone and oxycodone. (AP)

JOE KHALVATI/AP

Courtney Love, apparently caught in an attempt to wink during her hearing.

WHO KNEW? Warner Music Scandinavia has signed a deal with Agnetha Faltskog, formerly the blonde in ABBA, for her first album in 17 years. "My Coloring Book" will be released worldwide in the spring. (EXPRESS)



RICHARD LEWIS/AP

Someone wants to take the fall for the Ritchies' bomb. How is this a problem?

BUT ... WHY?

Man Claims Responsibility For Madonna's 'Swept Away'

A lawsuit against **MADONNA** and her husband, director **GUY RITCHIE** will go to court May 4. A self-described singer, songwriter, director and actor alleges Madonna and Ritchie took his idea for their 2002 remake of 1975's "Swept Away" and then cut him out of the credits and compensation. He wants $10 million. (AP)

ARRESTS

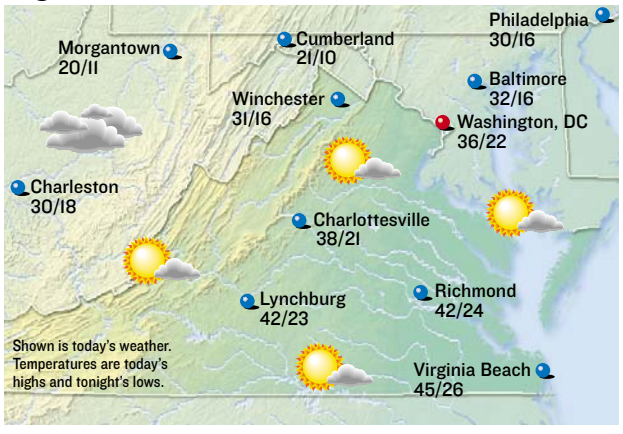
Faith, Dope, No Charity

R&B singer **FAITH EVANS**, 30, and her husband, record executive Todd Russaw, were arrested in Hapeville, Ga. Tuesday. They were charged with possession of cocaine and marijuana and booked at the jail. Their vehicle was pulled over for an improperly displayed temporary license plate. Officers found marijuana on both as well as cocaine residue on Evans, said a police spokesman. (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Mostly sunny; blustery and cold	A bit of snow or flurries late; cold	A flurry early, then variable clouds	Mostly sunny; blustery and cold	Mostly sunny; perhaps not as harsh	Snow, sleet and rain possible in the p.m.
36°	22°	32° / 16°	32° / 22°	37° / 30°	44° / 32°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed.

Temperature

High	30°
Low	21°
Normal high	43°
Normal low	27°
Average humidity	53%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.01"
Month to date	1.35"
Normal month to date	2.91"
Year to date	1.35"
Last year to date	2.22"
Normal year to date	2.91"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: **washingtonpost.com/weather**

Regional Forecast

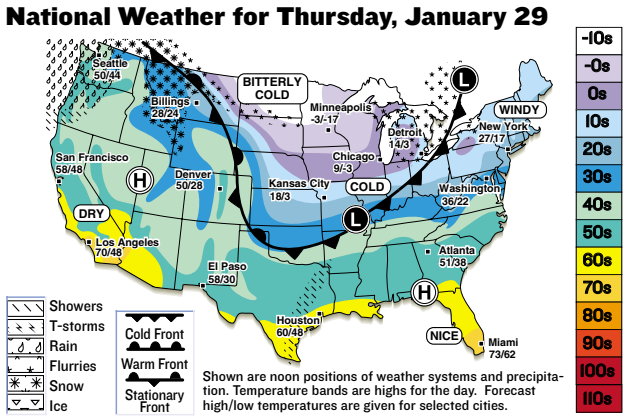
D.C. Metro: Today, mostly sunny, windy, cold. High 36. Wind west to northwest at 15-30 mph. Tonight, a bit of snow late, perhaps a fresh coating.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:18 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:25 p.m.
Moonrise today	11:29 a.m.
Moonset today	12:47 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Jan 29	Feb 6	Feb 13	Feb 20

National Weather for Thursday, January 29



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	51/38/pc	51/27/pc
Boston	28/14/s	26/14/pc
Chicago	9/-3/c	10/-2/pc
Dallas	54/26/c	44/32/s
Denver	50/28/pc	56/27/pc
Honolulu	83/71/pc	83/69/pc
Los Angeles	70/48/s	65/50/pc
Miami	73/62/s	76/61/t
New York City	27/17/s	28/17/pc
Orlando	67/48/s	68/50/sh
Seattle	50/44/r	46/38/sh

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	34/31/sn	38/34/c
Athens	54/38/pc	51/29/pc
Berlin	26/18/sn	28/23/sn
Buenos Aires	93/72/pc	86/66/t
Calgary	-1/-9/sn	3/-7/sn
Dublin	41/33/pc	45/40/r
Geneva	25/15/sn	36/29/s
Moscow	26/14/sn	27/12/sn
Rome	43/28/c	44/35/s
Sydney	88/65/s	79/60/s
Tokyo	48/33/pc	43/32/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Playback

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

I CAN'T BELIEVE that Howard University, or any university, would host a program called "A Liberating Prayer: A Love Song for Mumia," and I really can't believe Express would publicize it (Top Stops, Jan. 28).

Mumia Abu-Jamal (real name, Wesley Cook) is a convicted, cold-blooded murderer who has received entirely more publicity than he is worth. It's sickening that morons who know nothing about the case go on glorifying this killer because he wrote a book.

The facts are out there. All you have to do is discover them instead of jumping on every bandwagon that passes by.

—DENISE BAKER
Arlington, Va.

NOT TO SOUND TOO NERDY, but Wednesday's edition heralding "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King's" 11 Oscar nominations had a picture from a different movie, "Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" — the second movie in the trilogy, released back in 2002. I'll live with the mistake, but you better watch out for more rabid fans who might ransack your facilities carrying torches and pitchforks.

—KEITH WOJCIECH
Vienna, Va.

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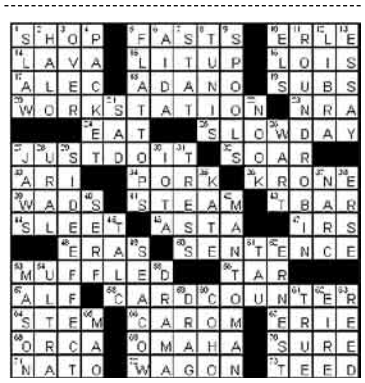
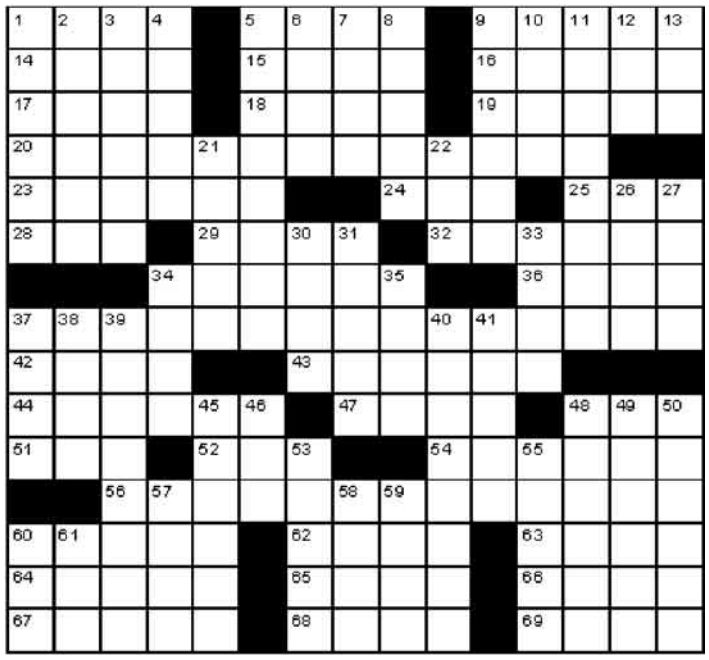


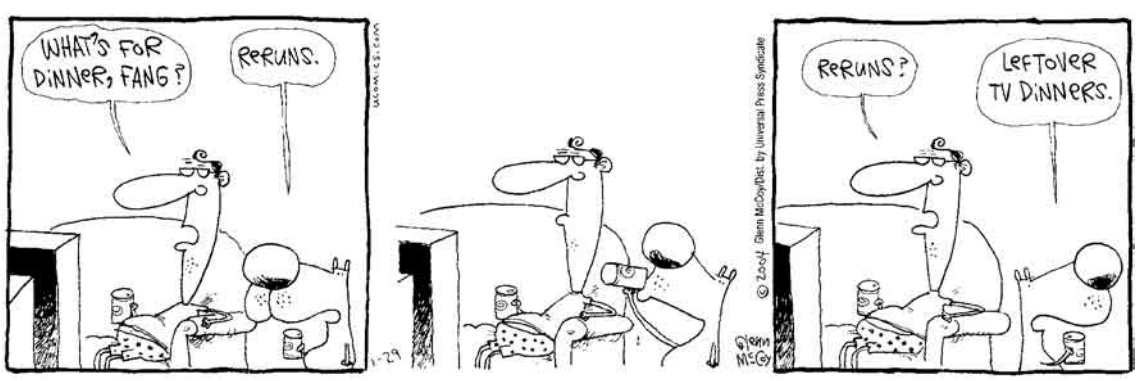
Crossword Puzzle: Captured | *Edited by Timothy E. Parker*



ACROSS
1 Motor ending
5 Russian news agcy.
9 Not spoken
14 Selfish person
15 Off-Broadway award
16 Atlanta university
17 WWII battle site
18 Seaweed
19 Smooches
20 Oft quoted greeting (with 37-Across)
23 Diner
24 Paddle
25 Potassium hydroxide
28 Tint
29 Pretentiously suave
32 Put back into the freezer bag
34 Followed
36 Listen closely
37 End of the greeting (see 20-Across)
42 Steep rugged rock
43 Charred
44 Not becoming
47 Cygnet
48 Kind of meal
51 Hole's starting point
52 Terhune barker
54 Communication between planes?
56 Greeting recipient (see 20-Across)
60 Climb
62 Anchor
63 Animal pelt
64 Appropriates
65 Otherwise
66 Make the final cut?
67 Straight up
68 Mathematical groups
69 Pouches

DOWN
1 Sharp-pointed
2 Wandering
3 Computer key
4 Irregularly notched
5 Servile
6 Highly competent
7 Highway sight
8 Alliance from 1954 to 1977
9 Professor's goal, perhaps
10 Mingo portrayer Ed
11 Relating to a spiral-shaped ear cavity
12 Anger
13 Cobb and Detmer
21 Tiger's tools?
22 Prohibit
26 Lawn location
27 Part of BPOE
30 Aparicio of the White Sox
31 Affirmatives
33 Food fish
34 Greater likeliness to win
35 Kind of poker
37 Deer tail
38 Flying fish-eater
39 Junior, perhaps
40 Some rub-outs
41 Kelly or Hackman
45 Furthest along
46 Youngest Lincoln
48 Lake in upstate New York
49 Bitter
50 Beliefs
53 British ladies of society
55 Fire remnants
57 "The Shadow" star Baldwin
58 Unwelcome rooter
59 Party giver
60 Sault ___ Marie
61 Word with box or cable

The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*



Horoscope | *Stella Wilder*

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — This is a good day to trust a whim and indulge in something that may not, at any other time, be good for you. Support is forthcoming.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You don't want others to spot your weaknesses. Take care that the impression you do give, however, is not one of unnecessary arrogance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you've got it, flaunt it. Don't let others take undue advantage of you. Someone you don't know may be looking for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Now is no time to insist that others conform to your own expectations. Be willing to learn from the differences you observe.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Stick to the basics and you will enjoy yourself as fully as possible. It's when things get complicated that you may encounter trouble.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You may have to put things in writing to be fully understood. Guard against being prodded or cajoled.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You may have to wait for more information before you can press ahead. Never fear — you'll be able to use the time to your advantage.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You're feeling a new sense of power, particularly when it comes to telling it like it is. However, hold your tongue.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Domestic harmony can be achieved and maintained — provided you do not attempt to prove your point in an inappropriate manner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — It's time to make room for something more in your life by letting go of some of that emotional baggage. A close friend can point the way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Sharing thoughts and feelings with those around you can surely benefit all concerned, provided you don't come off as guarded.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The specter of something threatening from your own past will vanish, leaving you free to pursue goals with renewed interest.

LIVE ONLINE

'Daily' Dose

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

STEPHEN COLBERT, correspondent for "The Daily Show," was online Wednesday to discuss the New Hampshire primary, the 2004 election and the show's take on the news.

Why the silent "t" in Colbert? Are you French?

I am again now, though shortly before and during the Iraq war I pronounced the "t" and was Irish.

When questioning the candidates, do you find the other reporters annoyed at "The Daily Show" questions or jealous that they weren't able to ask them?

I think they're angry that we're taking up space and oxygen but admiring of our wardrobe.

Why is it "The Daily Show" takes an overwhelmingly liberal stance when it comes to the elections and Democratic candidates? Shouldn't it be a little more unbiased?

First, we are not news. We are under no compunction to be fair or balanced or anything other than funny. Second, satire always attacks the status quo. The status quo is presently a Republican executive, legislative and judicial branch. There's hardly a liberal target left. Third, we throw haymakers at the Democratic candidates across the board. Fourth, I hope Bush loses.

What's up with those Mr. Goodwrench commercials? They're horrible and you've lost all your street cred.

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Don't you think John Kerry looks like someone has opened the Ark of the Covenant in front of him and his face is melting off?

I think he looks like the Old Man of the Mountain that fell off that cliff in New Hampshire. I've heard others describe him as Lurch.

Today on Live Online

11 A.M.: Adam Clymer, political director for the National Annenberg Election Survey, discusses voter trends.

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